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**GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS**

BOSTON – Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – Governor Deval Patrick today announced the nominations of two experienced attorneys to the Probate and Family Court: Megan H. Christopher, as a Circuit Justice; and Patrick W. Stanton, as an Associate Justice of the Plymouth County Division.

"It is an honor to nominate these well qualified and highly respected attorneys to the Probate and Family Court," said Governor Patrick. "I am confident that they have the experience, knowledge and temperament to excel on the bench and I thank them for their willingness to serve."

Megan H. Christopher has practiced law for 22 years at MetroWest Legal Services in Framingham, representing low income and elder clients in administrative and court proceedings, with a focus on family law. She has been a supervising attorney since 2000 and currently manages the Family Law Unit at MetroWest Legal Services. Christopher serves as president of the MetroWest Bar Association and as a member of the Probate and Family Court Bench Bar Committee on Rules. She is a graduate of Wellesley College (B.A., 1977) and Northeastern School of Law (J.D., 1989) and is a resident of Natick. Christopher is slated to fill the vacancy on the Probate and Family Court created by the retirement of the Honorable E. Chouteau Levine.

Patrick W. Stanton has maintained a sole litigation practice in Brockton since 1994, concentrating on divorce and child custody matters. Stanton served as a License Commissioner for the City of Brockton from 1997 to 2003. He is a graduate of Massasoit Community College (A.A., 1987), Stonehill College (B.A., 1990) and Suffolk University School of Law (J.D., 1993). Stanton is a resident of West Bridgewater and a native of Brockton. Upon confirmation, he will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Stephen C. Steinberg.

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